

- Question # 1:** Are we allowed to hire Palestinian employees?
- Answer # 1: You are allowed to hire any individual who has a valid license to work and successfully passes all security-related screening requirements.
- Question # 2:** Section F.8: Can you please explain again what is needed to be delivered as part of the contract?
- Answer # 2: Section F.8 of the solicitation document speaks of documents that are relevant only for the awarded contractors. It is not part of the technical or pricing proposals. The insurance, safety plan and personnel list need to be delivered 10-days after the contract is awarded. The rest of the documents are relevant for the Task Orders that will be issued against the contract.
- Question # 3:** When will you conduct the sites tour?
- Answer # 3: Sites tour will take place on Tuesday, July 22, 2014; at 9:00 AM at 65 Wingate Street in Herzliya Pituach.
- Question # 4:** According to Section B – Paragraph B.1 (Scope) “*The contractor shall provide painting, drywall/plaster repair and **related services** for real property owned or managed by U.S Government at Tel Aviv, Israel*”. Can you specify what is included in these “related services”?
- Answer # 4: The solicitation document addresses most of the work that needs to be done. The term “related services” speaks of tasks that are directly related to preparing for painting and drywall/plaster repairs. If these “related services” necessitate an increase in costs borne by the ~~contractor,~~ ~~then~~ ~~contractor:~~ ~~then~~ this should be discussed together with the Contracting Officer’s ~~Representative~~ prior to any implementation. Please note that the contractor is not allowed and won’t be paid for any additional work unless it receives prior approval by the Financial Management Center and Contracting Officer at the U.S. Embassy.
- Question # 5:** Are the painting jobs performed separately, or will the contractor be required to perform on multiple apartments simultaneously?
- Answer # 5: The contract may be tasked to perform jobs simultaneously and should be prepared to undertake simultaneous jobs if requested by the Contracting Officer’s Representative.
- Question # 6:** Will the work take place only on the summer months or all over the year?
- Answer # 6: Our heavy season is the summer months; but under this contract, the contractor will receive Task Orders throughout the year.

Question # 7:

According to Paragraph F.3 of the solicitation document, the painting jobs should be performed within 2-6 days (depending on the type). However, according to paragraph C & A (8), the contractor shall not apply paint when the relative humidity exceeds 85 percent or at temperatures less than 5 degrees. Is this requirement being taken into account for changes of the time schedule?

Answer # 7:

When the weather requires special consideration or causes delays, the Contracting Officer's Representative will work with the contractor on a new schedule to complete the requirement.

Question # 8:

Paragraph C.7.9 (c): "*Replace all electric covers with new covers after painting*". Does the government provide these covers? If not, will the contractor be reimbursed for these covers?

Answer # 8:

If new electrical outlet covers are required, then the Government will provide these to the contractor at no cost. If existing electrical outlet covers need to be removed and then replaced to accommodate a painting requirement, then the contractor will be asked to facilitate ~~this very simple~~ task. At no time will the contractor be asked to remove any outlets or wires in and around the outlets.